



STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Tuesday, 20th April, 2021

The decisions summarised below were taken by the Executive at the above-mentioned meeting and, subject to the call-in procedure referred to in Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17 and to the Notes at the end of this document, shall have effect five working days after the meeting. Details of any recommendations to Council are also included for completeness.

Members of the Executive

Chairman:

Councillor Joss Bigmore ((Leader of the Council and Lead Councillor for Service Delivery)) *

Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Jan Harwood ((Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Councillor for Climate Change)) *

Councillor Tim Anderson, (Lead Councillor for Resources) *

Councillor Tom Hunt, (Lead Councillor for Development Management) *

Councillor Julia McShane, (Lead Councillor for Community and Housing) *

Councillor John Redpath, (Lead Councillor for Economy) *

Councillor John Rigg, (Lead Councillor for Regeneration) *

Councillor James Steel, (Lead Councillor for Environment) *

*Present

Councillors Chris Blow, Colin Cross, Angela Goodwin, Nigel Manning, Ramsey Nagaty, Deborah Seabrook, and Paul Spooner were in attendance.

**Agenda
Item No.**

**Officer(s) to
action Item**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY
INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2021 were confirmed as correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader welcomed the reopening of retail and hospitality outlets and encouraged residents to support local businesses to recover from lockdown.

A walk-in test centre would open from Wednesday 21 April in the Council Offices at Millmead. The centre would be located in the staff canteen and would provide testing Monday to Friday from 8am until 7.30pm. Free car parking would be available in front of Millmead house, but entry would be via the side entrance, not via reception.

Following the Council's agreement to review the Local Plan with a view to updating it work would commence shortly to identify and gather evidence and the project plan would be shared publicly as soon as possible.

5. URGENT DECISION - GRANT OF PROTECTED LEASE OF LAND AT MIDDLETON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO UKPN FOR A SUB-STATION

Decision:

To note that the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader and the Monitoring Officer, used his urgent decision powers on 26 March 2021 to approve the grant of a 99 year lease at a peppercorn to UKPN in respect of a small plot of land at the Middleton Industrial Estate, Guildford.

Simon
Goldsworthy

Reason(s):

The approval of the new lease to UKPN provided a power supply and allowed the development to continue on schedule ensuring that there were no increased development costs caused by the delayed installation of the sub-station.

Other options considered and rejected by the Executive:

None.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by the lead or lead councillors and any dispensation granted:

None.

6. GUILDFORD SPECTRUM REFURBISHMENT SURVEYS *

Decision:

- (1) That the spending of £300,000 from the carry forward reserve to enable the collection of comprehensive survey data on the existing venue, be approved.
- (2) That the procurement of a range of surveys from suitably qualified specialists, as detailed in paragraph 3.9 (a) to (h) inclusive of the report submitted to the Executive, be approved.
- (3) That the appointment of two fixed-term part-time positions to facilitate this stage of the project, be approved.

Jonathan
Sewell

Reasons:

This proposed collection of survey data is much more comprehensive than any survey process previously undertaken in respect of the venue.

This will allow councillors to make an informed decision about the remaining lifespan of the existing facility and whether that lifespan can be effectively extended, and if so, for how long, within acceptable economic parameters. Any decision to refurbish such an important venue for the community must be made on the best available information as the investment to significantly extend the life of venue is likely to be substantial.

Other options considered and rejected by the Executive:

None.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by the lead or lead councillors and any dispensation granted:

None.

NOTES:

- (a) Any decision marked “#” means that the item was deemed by the Managing Director and agreed by the Executive and Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be a matter of urgency for the reason indicated and, in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17 (h), such decision takes effect immediately and is therefore *not* subject to the call-in procedure.
- (b) The call-in procedure is as follows:
- (i) the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; or
 - (ii) a minimum of five members of the Council
- may require that a decision be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for review.
- (c) Councillors wishing to exercise their right to call-in a decision taken by the Executive must give notice in writing to the Democratic Services Manager. The reason for a councillor calling-in a decision shall accompany any such request and must meet one of the following criteria:
- (a) that there was insufficient, misleading or inaccurate information available to the decision-maker;
 - (b) that all the relevant facts had not been taken into account and/or properly assessed;
 - (c) that the decision is contrary to the budget and policy framework and is not covered by urgency provisions; or
 - (d) that the decision is not in accordance with the decision-making principles set out in the Constitution.
- Such notice should be marked for the attention of John Armstrong who can be contacted by e-mail on john.armstrong@guildford.gov.uk
- (d) On receipt of a call-in request, the Monitoring Officer will decide, in consultation with the chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, whether it is valid and will notify the councillors concerned accordingly.
- (e) In the case of a valid call-in, the decision shall be referred to a special Call-in meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which shall be held within 21 days of the decision on validity referred to in paragraph (d) above.
- (f) A decision marked with an asterisk denotes that the matter is a “Key Decision” which is defined in the Council’s Constitution as an executive decision:
- (i) which is likely to result in significant expenditure or savings (of at least £200,000) having regard to the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
 - (ii) which is likely to have a significant impact on two or more wards within the Borough.

